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RESOLUTION

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(To be assigned by Speaker)

Date Submitted: 4/28/2009

Introduced By: Senator Wilkinson-Ray
Student Action Committee

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Certified: _____
Speaker of the Senate Ellis

Senator Wilkinson-Ray

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Signed: _____
SGA President Jones

SGA Vice President Ash

Resolution in Support Student Demonstrations on Campus:

The University of Vermont's Campus Demonstrations Policy Statement:

"...For humankind to progress, the educational process must be dynamic even if fraught with controversy, for change cannot take place until the first question is raised. The discovery of new propositions or new solutions may be followed by passionate advocacy. Such advocacy must not, however, compromise the ability of the University to provide safe access to its educational programs and activities."

WHEREAS, RECENT PROTESTS AGAINST BUDGET RECONCILIATION ON CAMPUS HAVE GARNERED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AMONG THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH PRESIDENT FOGEL HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL,

WHEREAS, STUDENTS EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT TO PEACEFULLY PROTEST ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2009 BY CONDUCTING A SIT-IN AND OCCUPATION OF THE WATERMAN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING,

WHEREAS, THE STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THIS PROTEST HAD THE INTENTION OF MAINTIANING ACADEMIC QUALITY AND SAVING JOBS THROUGH RESPECTFUL NEGOTIATIONS,



BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF THE STUDENT BODY TO PEACEFULLY DEMONSTRATE ON CAMPUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS POLICY STATEMENT,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF THE STUDENT BODY TO DIRECTLY ENGAGE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION ON ALL MATTERS THAT PERTAIN TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IT PROVIDES,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT FINDS THE EVENTS OF WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2009 A DISAPPOINTING EXAMPLE OF WILLINGNESS BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT FINDS THE CLOSING OF THE WATERMAN BUILDING UNNECESSARY AND INAPPROPRIATE, AND RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF MULTIPLE PEACEFUL PROTESTERS